

WHAT IS TSASS?

The Tempe Substance Abuse Screening Service (TSASS) is a section of the City of Tempe, Human Services, Community Supervision Department. This service conducts screening interviews and assigns treatment programs. Status reports are sent to Tempe Municipal Court for action.

WHY MUST I GO TO SCREENING?

Screening and treatment are part of your sentence. Under ARS Title 28, a substance abuse screening is required to assess each client individually to determine the appropriate program placement. All assignments to substance abuse classes/treatment are done in accordance with Arizona Department of Health Services guidelines.

WHEN MUST I BE SCREENED?

You must report to Tempe Human Services, Substance Abuse Screening Services on the date and time stated on your Order to Attend Substance Abuse Screening and Treatment. **You must be on time for your appointment. If you are more than 10 minutes late for the screening appointment, you will not be seen and the appointment has to be rescheduled.**

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

The screening appointment consists of an application, a written evaluation and a clinical interview with a counselor. The appointment normally takes 2 hours.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT DO MY SCREENING/PROGRAM?

A failure to comply report will be sent to the Court. The judge will order you to appear in court to show cause why you should not be held in criminal contempt of court.

If you fail to appear for your court date a warrant will be issued for your arrest.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

SCREENING:

The fee is \$90.00 and is included on your Order to Attend Substance Abuse Screening/Treatment order. A \$25.00 penalty fee will be added to the amount due if the appointment is rescheduled or missed. A Screening may only be rescheduled once with a 48-hour advanced notice. Screening appointments must be rescheduled by the court. Payment is to be made at the TSASS office and **is due at your screening appointment.** Cash, credit and debit cards are accepted. **No personal checks or American Express are accepted.** **If you fail to pay your fee, you will not be screened and your case will be referred back to court.**

PROGRAM:

The fees for your education/treatment program will be your responsibility to arrange with the agency to which you are assigned.

WHERE WILL YOU SEND ME?

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) approves, licenses and regulates all DUI service providers.

Referrals to DUI service providers are based on screening results and ADHS guidelines. The type of program, number of sessions, time, location and fees will be discussed with you by your screener.

Other factors, including work/school hours and length of jail sentence, will be taken into consideration in scheduling the referral.

WHAT SCREENING INVOLVES

* Upon arrival you must check in at the front desk. You will be asked to fill out a brief personal data form, read and sign a few other forms and return them to the front desk.

* You will be asked a few questions and be given a questionnaire to complete.

If you have reading or vision problems, or believe you will have difficulty completing the questionnaire, please tell us.

After completing the questionnaire and returning it to the front office staff, you will have a private interview with a screener.

* There are no chemical tests given here.

WILL I HAVE TO RETURN TO TSASS LATER?

Usually not unless you are in noncompliance with your program.

* AA cards and proof of program completion should be mailed to TSASS. Please retain copies for your records.

* Most minor program changes may be made over the phone.

WHERE IS TSASS LOCATED?

We are located on the top floor of the Tempe Public Library Building in the Human Services offices.

The Tempe Public Library Building is located at 3500 S. Rural Rd. in Tempe, just south of Southern Ave. on the west side of Rural Rd.

*****PLEASE NOTE:**

If you have completed a Screening at a different agency prior to your conviction, please call Tempe Human Services at 480-350-5400

Clients who appear for their screening appointment under the influence of a mind-altering substance will not be allowed to complete their substance abuse screening.

Verbal abuse is not an acceptable form of communication and will not be tolerated by any member of the Human Services staff.



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